

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	)	
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Tsugo SATOH et al.	)	ATTN: APPLICATION BRANCH
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Serial No.: To be assigned	)	
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Filed: June 24, 2003	)	Attorney Docket No.:
	)	000004-00679
FOR: FERRULE HEATING APPARATUS AND	)	
METHOD OF ADHERING FERRULE AND	)	
OPTICAL FIBER	)	Date: June 25, 2003

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter claimed therein.